

Youth Advocacy Office announces scholarship for low-income residents

The City of Kansas City, Mo., Youth Advocacy Office, a division of the City Manager's Office, will help administer a 10-year scholarship grant program funded by The Port Authority of Kansas City, Mo., and area casino gaming operators.

The scholarship will serve city residents living in households that have a total annual income of 80 percent or less of the median income of city households.

Scholarship applicants also must be between 17-25 years old, pursuing educational opportunities at an accredited or certified college, university and vocational/technical school and have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

The scholarships will provide a minimum of \$1,000 per academic year and can be used for tuition, books, room and board and activity fees.

Scholarship applications, along with a high school transcript or GED certificate, a 300-word essay, a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer or clergy member and the most recent IRS tax forms of all members of the household are due by May 1 of each year.

Scholarships are renewable if recipients remain full-time students, stay in good academic standing with the institution attending and continue to live in a household that has a total annual income 80 percent or less of median income of the city, defined as:

Persons per household

One – less than \$29,165.00

Two – less than \$37,391.00

Three – less than \$45,617.00

Four – less than \$58,704.00

Five – less than \$69,547.00

Six – less than \$78,521.00

Seven – less than \$88,616.00

Eight - \$98,712.00

Nine or more – less than \$118,155.00

For more information, visit www.kcmo.org/youth or contact Thalia Cherry, youth advocate for the City Manager's Office at (816) 513-1378.